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EDITOR'S PAGE

In the Editor's Page of Volume 79, Number One, I emphasized the desire of the Law Review to publish more material written by West Virginia practitioners. This request was directed not only toward the selfish goal of printing a 640 page book, but also was directed sincerely toward creating a Law Review which would be of greater service to the West Virginia legal community. With the help of the Law School faculty, I believe that the staff and candidates of Volume 79 have published a Law Review which will add gainfully to the jurisprudence of West Virginia. We extend our gratitude to the jurist, practitioners and faculty who have helped us attain our goals, and we also thank the other contributors to the Law Review and assure them that their work product was needed and appreciated.

By checking the spine of this book, it easily can be determined that the publication of Volume 79 has been the subject of much delay. I accept sole and personal responsibility for the tardiness of this publication, but I believe that some explanation is due.

Although the ten-dollar subscription fee may seem high to some, it covers only fifty percent of publication costs. The balance comes from various sources, all of which are funneled through the Law School administration, whose responsibility it is to secure publication arrangements with the printer. During the school year 1976-77, the time period during which we hoped to publish all four issues of Volume 79, we had publication rights for approximately ten weeks, January 28 to April 8. From the time manuscripts are sent to the printer, until the actual mailing of the Law Review to subscribers, a minimum of nine weeks is required to complete the publication process for one issue, and a ten-to-twelve-week period is more realistic. Therefore, although we sent manuscripts for Issues One, Two and Three to the printer during the time we had publication privileges, we were unable to accomplish more than the publication of Issue One before graduation. Thus, delay in the final product was inevitable.

The publication delays necessitated much summer work by recent graduates and by the staff and candidates of Volume 80. There is no way I can express adequately my appreciation for those graduated Law Review members who took much time from their families and new jobs to aid in the completion of Volume 79. I personally thank Susan Cannon Ryan, Vince Collins, Frank Curia,

John Purbaugh, Jim Russell, and especially Taunja Willis Miller, Jim Turner and Tom Vorbach.

Additionally, much credit for the publication of Issues Two and Three, and particularly Issue Four, goes to the staff and candidates of Volume 80. In addition to rerouting the normal correspondence for Issues Two and Three, they were burdened with a great deal of the work on Issue Four. In recent years, the succeeding Law Review Staff often has been harnessed with some work left by the previous staff, but probably not to the extent which has occurred in the transition between Volumes 79 and 80. I can say only that the help given by D. C. Offutt, Kit Francis and the other members of Volume 80 made the publication of Volume 79 a reality, and I sincerely hope that the publication delays, which in large part necessitated their work on our Volume, do not plague the staff of Volume 80.

To the staff and candidates of Volume 79, we now have a right to be proud of our accomplishments. Hard work and dedication have produced another volume of the nation's fourth oldest law review, and I trust that after all the delays and disappointments, you feel the sacrifice of Law Review worthwhile. Only two other words are necessary—thank you.

Lloyd G. Jackson II
Editor-in-Chief

ERRATA—Due to an inadvertent error the student authors of the *Survey of Developments in West Virginia Law: 1976-77*, 79 W. VA. L. REV. 423-512, were not recognized in that issue. The following individuals should have been noted as joint authors of the survey:

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